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Claim No 133.

Under article 4. Treaty of 11th June 1866,
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Sam Melford, age
about 30, a Freedman of the Creek Nation, and a
loyal refugee, being duly examined and sworn,
(he understanding and conversing in the
English language) deposes and says. Whilst
living on his place on the Verdigris, about 15 miles
from Creek Agency, and sometime in December 1862
he was compelled by the Rebels to fly from and
abandon his home and property: that he fled to
Gibson, taking with him his wife and fifteen chil-
dren, and remained there, refugees, until the
close of the war. That at the time of his flight
he owned and possessed, and necessarily left
behind and abandoned -

2	Two horses	Valued at	\$ 100.
30	Thirty hogs	do	150.

Total value two hundred fifty dollars, \$ 250. -

And never afterwards recovered the same, or any
part of the same. - Further with nob.

Sam Melford. ^{his} _{mark}

Subscribed & sworn to before me at the Creek
Agency, C. N. this 1st of November 1869

W. J. O'Conor
Supt. C. N. Ind. Off. & Sup. Ind. Off. & Sup. Ind. Off.

The undersigned, Sampson Pond, and Tyler Lewis, Freedmen of the Creek Nation, loyal refugees, being, jointly, duly examined and sworn. (They understanding and conversing in the English language) do depose and say: They are not interested in the above claim of Sam Melford in any pecuniary manner whatever: that they have heard the foregoing affidavit read to them and know its content, to be true and correct in every particular. They further say, that they know, of their own knowledge, the said Sam Melford did, at the time of his flight from home, own and possess the horses and hogs stated in his deposition, and that he did necessarily abandon and lose the same - Further these deponents do not say.

Sampson Pond.

his
mark

Tyler Lewis.

his mark
his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me at the Creek Agency. Okla, this 11th of November A.D. 1869.

W. C. C. Lee
Dist. Comdg. Ass't Sup't of Affairs
for Supply

Awards

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the statement of claimant: The amount claimed, however, is, in some instances, considered excessive. Upon inquiry, it is found, the values of the different kinds of property at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:

Horses -

\$25.00 each.

Hogs -

2.00 "

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we believe it just and equitable to award this claimant Sam Melford, One hundred and ten dollars.

\$110⁰⁰
100

P. B. Hayes

Brave Major General U. S. Army.

Dept. Indian Affairs, Southern Superintendency PW

F. A. Field

Captain U. S. Army
Greek Agent